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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 383

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, SHUM, SW, CZ  
SUBJECT: SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER MAY MAKE STATEMENT ON  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA

REF: STOCKHOLM 308 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS  
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JANUARY 27 THAT GOS IS "EXPECTED" TO CRITICIZE THE CZECH  
HANDLING OF THE CHARTER 77 AFFAIR. REPORTS SPECULATE  
THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SODER MAY MAKE STATEMENT BEFORE  
THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE MINISTERS' COMMITTEE IN STRASBOURG  
ON THE 27TH OR 28TH, OR THAT PRIME MINISTER FALLDIN MAY  
HIMSELF MAKE A STATEMENT. PRESS STATES THAT NORWEGIAN,  
DUTCH AND AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALREADY

CRITICIZED THE GOC. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. MFA OFFICIAL HAD INFORMED US PREVIOUSLY (RETEL) THAT GOS DID NOT BELIEVE A STATEMENT ON ITS PART WOULD BE HELPFUL. HOWEVER, THE SCALES HAVE APPARENTLY TILTED SOMEWHAT AS MORE GOVERNMENTS EXPRESS THEIR DISAPPROVAL, AND MFA SOURCES CONFIRM THAT GOS IS "CONTEMPLATING" A STATEMENT. NO DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN AS YET, BUT "SOME PHRASES" ARE BEING DRAFTED FOR CONSIDERATION. GOS HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE OTHER NORDICS, ACCORDING TO MFA OFFICIAL, WITH AN EYE TOWARD ISSUING A JOINT NORDIC STATEMENT AT STRASBOURG.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN GOC SENSITIVITY TO CRITICISM, GOS IS UNDOUBTEDLY CONCERNED ABOUT EFFECT A SWEDISH STATEMENT MAY HAVE ON THE PLANNED VISIT OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SPACIL IN FEBRUARY. IF DECISION TO EXPRESS DISAPPROVAL IS IN FACT TAKEN, WE EXPECT GOS WILL SEEK A JOINT NORDIC CONTEXT TO SOMEWHAT MITIGATE THE STING FOR THE GOC.  
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